

*"I saw the tower of Verdun United
Pointing ever to the sky;
I hope that other people,
Who looked as they passed by,
Were by that tower inspired to live
As heartily as I."*




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A History

OF THE

FIRST FIFTY YEARS

of

The Verdun United Church

(FORMERLY METHODIST CHURCH)

WOODLAND AVE.
VERDUN, QUEBEC

and

A RECORD OF

The 50th Birthday Celebration Jubilee Events

MARCH 13 to 20, 1949



THE REV. J. G. JOYCE, B.A., S.T.B., D.Th., Minister

fifty Years of Our Church's History

Prepared by

H. M. WAY, FRANK SWETLAND, SADIE MAJOR, ETHEL WAY.

The task of giving a sketch of the history of this Congregation is not so easy because of the amount of material that should be included.

Like many other movements this Congregation had its day of beginnings. When Verdun was a village the Verdun Methodist Church began its work in the home of John N. Way, Church Avenue, January 8th, 1899. Eighteen persons were present. The meeting was opened by singing Hymn "To the work, to the work, We are servants of God". A Sunday School was thus begun of which Mr. Frank Swetland was the first Superintendent; Mr. N. Peddle, Bible Class Teacher, and Mr. John N. Way, Secretary Treasurer; with a primary class in the parlour or front room; Adult Bible Class in the Living Room; older girls on the stairs in the hall, and the boys in the kitchen (where they liked to be). There being no organ Mr. Clement King led the singing with his silver cornet. (All these gentlemen have since passed on.)

It was only a matter of months until Sunday evening services were regularly held and supplied by local preachers from Centenary Methodist Church.



Rev. A. C. HOFFMAN



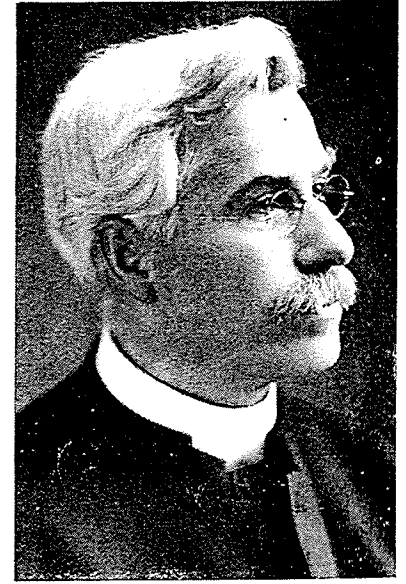
Dr. A. J. MARTIN

It was in the year 1901 that Rev. A. C. Hoffman, then a student of Wesleyan College and now retired missionary from China gave assistance to the Church in this house, and also in the old Club house to which the Sunday School moved owing to lack of space in the home mentioned, where the attendance had reached sixty. The need of a Church building became apparent and therefore a Trustee Board was organized on August 26th 1902 to proceed with the undertaking.

A site was therefore secured on Gordon Avenue, on September 16th 1902 and on September 20th it was decided to erect a Church at an estimated cost of \$625.00. The labour was voluntary by men of the congregation. It was dedicated on the second Sunday of February 1903.



Rev. THOMAS BOLE
1906-1910



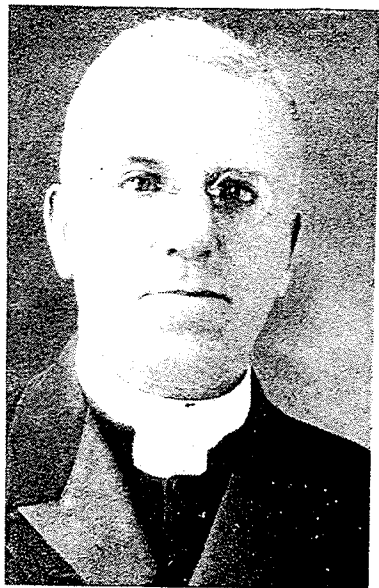
Rev. F. B. ALLNUTT
1910-1914

Given a Church, the congregation felt the need of a student minister. Dr. A. J. Martin, now of Westmount, was secured and ministered to the people for a short time. He was succeeded by Rev. Thos. Bole (now deceased). Mr. Bole was the first supply appointed by Conference, and at the Annual Conference of 1906, Verdun was placed on the list of stations. In the conference minutes of 1907 its first published report shows a membership of ninety-two.

On July 6th, 1906 the first Quarterly Official Board was organized as follows, William Rogers, Recording Steward; John N. Way, Representative of Trustee Board; Messrs. S. Hartley, J. Waldron and William Rogers, Stewards; Messrs. William Waugh, J. R. Bradbury and Clement King, Society Representatives; N. Peddle, Local Preacher and George Woodburn, Class Leader.

Under the guidance of a settled Minister the Church prospered and was compelled to take the necessary steps to secure a larger building. This discussion began in 1907. The contract was awarded in 1908 and the Church was dedicated on the 13th of December of same year. The cornerstone of this Church was laid by the late Ralph Allen, then Mayor of Verdun.

The ministers of the parent Church, Centenary Methodist, Point Charles, up to this point exercised a guiding hand over the officials of this congregation, viz. Rev. David Winter; Rev. John Vety and Rev. Melvin Taylor.



Rev. H. W. BURNETT
1914-1915



Rev. Dr. D. I. HART
1915-1916

The Rev. Thos. Bole was succeeded by Rev. F. B. Allnut, Rev. W. Burnett, Rev. Dr. E. I. Hart, Rev. Wm. Timberlake, Rev. Williams, Rev. Isaac Norman and Rev. Dr. J. G. Joyce our present minister.

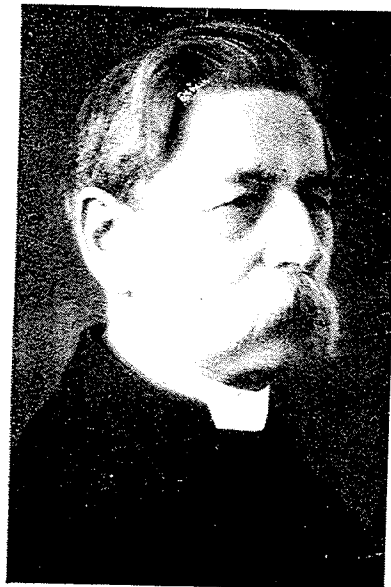
During those years the growth of the Church kept pace with the growth of the City and again the question of a larger building was raised. For ten years this agitation had gone on, and it was during the ministry of Rev. I. Norman who gave unstintingly of time and effort, that it was possible for this achievement to be attained. At that time the Ladies Aid Society (now the Woman's Association) presented a cheque for \$750.00 to the Trustee Board to start a Building

Through the generosity of Douglas Methodist Church Trustees \$1000.00 was given towards a building fund. A further grant of \$1000.00 was received from Presbytery. These gifts together with

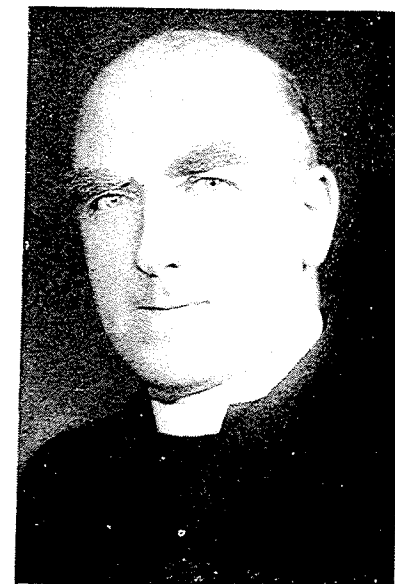
the proceeds of the sale of the old Church, subscriptions from Congregation, and a mortgage loan of \$25,000.00 permitted us to proceed with the erection of the present church, the corner stone of which was laid on September 20th, 1930 by Mr. Chas. Allen (Mayor) and the dedication address was given by Rev. C. W. Gordon, D.D., L.L.D. (better known as Ralph Connor).

The following is a list of the contents of the "Corner Stone":

- (1) Copy of 1st issue of the "New Outlook" of June 10, 1925 also copy of "September 17, 1930 — The Weekly Journal of the United Church of Canada
- (2) Hymn books of the three uniting Churches, Presbyterian Book of Praise, Congregational Church Hymnal, Methodist Hymn Book.
- (3) The United Church of Canada 1930 Year Book and The Manual — Book of Constitution and Government of The United Church of Canada
- (4) Current Canadian Silver Coins
- (5) Copy of the Cornerstone Order of Service
- (6) Montreal daily newspapers of September 20, 1930
The Gazette, Montreal Star, Montreal Herald.
- (7) Historical sketch of the origin and development of the Congregation.
- (8) Copy of circular letter used in campaign for funds for new Church building
- (9) Name of contractors — Wm. Grimstead & Son Reg'd.



Rev. WM. TIMBERLAKE
1916-1920



Rev. FRED WILLIAMS
1920-1924

The Church building was designed by Frank Peden Inc., Architects and Engineers of Montreal and was erected by Wm. Grimstead and Son Reg'd, General Contractors. The contract was signed July 29, 1930 and the building was dedicated March 15, 1931 by Rev. Isaac Norman, the resident minister.

Included in the building project was the installation of a 3 manual pipe organ (2 manuals complete) manufactured and installed by Franklin Legge Organ Company Ltd., Toronto. At a later date, 1935, through the foresight of Dr. Joyce and the generosity of the former American Presbyterian Church, after amalgamation with Erskine Church, our Church was presented with the choir section of its organ and its chimes mechanism, thereby, enabling our Church to bring its organ up to a 3 manual complete.

About two years later Mr. Norman while in his study was stricken and passed away February 5, 1933. In his passing the Church and Community suffered a great loss and a great friend. Following Mr. Norman's death, Rev. M. H. Sanderson was appointed Interim Minister.

In July 1933 Rev. J. G. Joyce, D. Th. assumed the pastorate of our Church and during his ministry it has continued to progress. The Church Ministers to more than 800 families in the community, and as at December 31, 1948 had a registered membership of 1155.

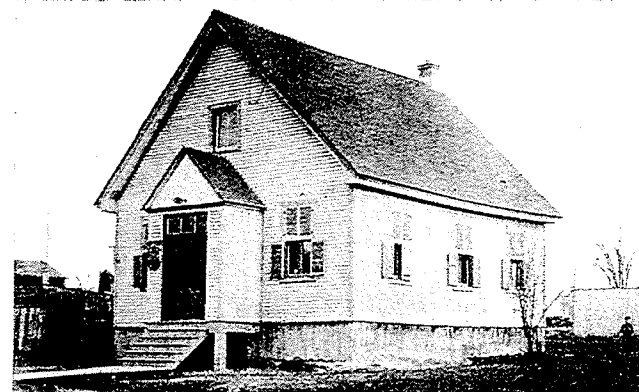
Due to the special efforts of the Congregation the remaining portion of the mortgage on the Church building was paid off and under the able leadership of Dr. Joyce the Church is now free of debt.



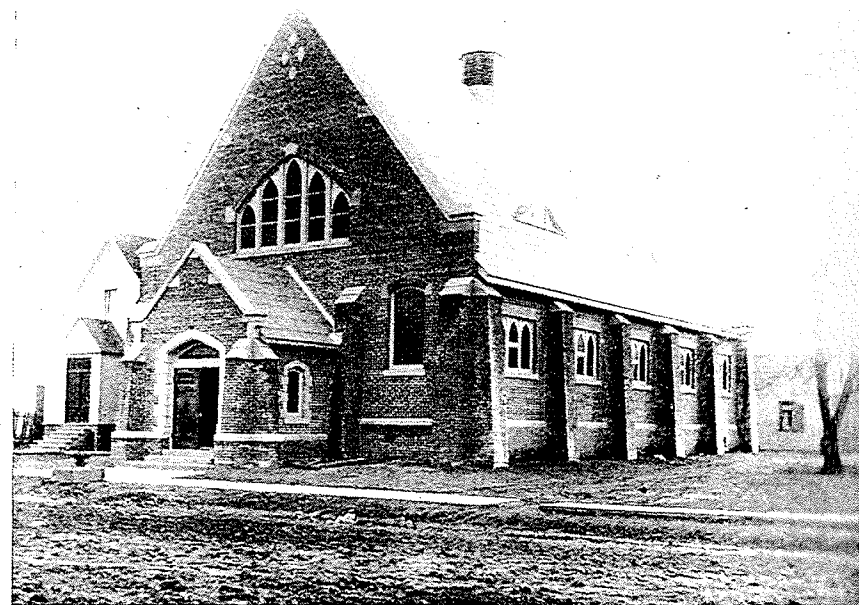
Rev. ISAAC NORMAN
1924-1933



Rev. Dr. J. G. JOYCE
1933-.....



VERDUN METHODIST CHURCH 1902-1908



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The Anniversary Communion Service
and Reception of New Members

Sunday Morning, March 13, 1949. 11 a.m.

The Organ Prelude — "Sarabande" J. S. Bach

PART I — To begin our 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Anniversary Introit: (Matthew 16:18 & Psalm 118:24) The Minister.
THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 166 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken".
THE CALL TO WORSHIP by the Minister, after which the people are seated.
THE INVOCATION by all "For the Church."
THE HYMN, No. 199, "We love the place, O God",
CHOIR sings "Prince of Peace, control my will" *Aletta*
THE PASTORAL PRAYER: *Dresden Amen*
THE ANTHEM — "O Lord, Our Governor" *Gadsby*
THE RESPONSIVE READING. No. 710.
Gloria Patri. To be sung by all.
The Lessons — The Acts 2: 41-47.
The Offertory — Junior Choir — "Jesu, joy of man's desiring" J. S. Bach
The Hymn, No. 434, "Saviour, like a shepherd lead us" J. S. Bach
The Sermon "WHY I AM FOR THE CHURCH" *Dr. Joyce*
The Hymn, No. 164, "The Church's one foundation"

(Those who must retire, please do so at the singing of the third stanza)

PART II — RECEPTION SERVICE

The Hymn: 220
Reception of the 50th Anniversary Class of New Members into our Church.
The Address.
The Obligation.
The Prayer.
The Reception.

PART III — THE RITUAL OF CONSECRATION

(to be found in the Ritual, pages 11 to 15)

PART IV — THE ADMINISTRATION TO THE CONGREGATION

The Theme Hymn:
"O Young and fearless prophet of ancient Galilee
Thy life is still a summons to serve humanity,
To make our thoughts and actions less to please the crowd,
To stand with humble courage for Truth with hearts uncowed."

PART V — THE SERVICE OF DISMISSAL

The Prayer of Supplication.
Gloria in Excelsis said by the people.
The Hymn of Dismissal, No. 220.
The Benediction.
The Choral Seven-fold Amen.
The Organ Postlude "Suite G Minor" (Excerpts) *Handel*

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Sunday Evening, March 13, 1949, 7 p.m.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE: "Largo" *Handel*

AN OLD FASHIONED HYMN SING

Accompanied by Piano Accordion played by Miss Winnie Kermath.

Hymns: When Upon Life's Billows.

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?

Hold the Fort, for I am coming.

When all my labours and troubles are over.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER by the Minister.

THE ANTHEM "The Lord is my Light" *Oley Speaks*

THE SCRIPTURE: No. 768 — Ecclesiasticus 44.

DUET: "Over the River Faces I See".

Mrs. Daisy McCarroll, Miss Gloria Charlton.

THE OFFERTORY — Piano Accordion Miss Winnie Kermath

"THE HISTORY OF THE VERDUN UNITED CHURCH" presented in a set of

Stereopticon Slides, 20 of which have been especially made for this occasion.

All the slides were made by Mr. W. E. Harrington from pictures supplied by the Committee.

HYMN: To the Work! To the Work!

THE BENEDICTION by the Minister.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Bourrée" *Handel*

MEMORIAL FLOWERS TODAY

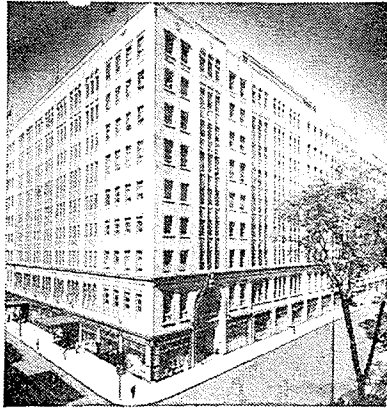
In the Chancel: In loving memory of Mother, Mrs. James Keith from the Family.

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CIVIC NIGHT

Monday, March 14, 1949, 8 p.m.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE: "C Minor Prelude" *Chopin*

ANTHEM: "I waited for the Lord" *Mendelssohn*

GREETINGS FOR OUR LEGISLATORS:

Mr. Paul E. Côté, Federal Representative and Parliamentary Secretary
to the Minister of Labour.

Mr. Lionel Ross, our Representative in the Quebec Provincial Legislature.

GREETINGS FROM OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

Montreal Chairman of Presbytery

His Honour, Edward Wilson, Mayor of the City of Verdun.

Archie Wilcox, Member of our City Council.

HYMN: "O Canada"

GREETINGS FROM OUR RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY:

Rev. C. L. Taylor, Chairman of Montreal Presbytery

Rev. K. C. Bolton, Rector of St. John Divine Church

Rev. W. J. Baxter, Olivet Baptist Church

Rev. C. G. Ward, Chalmers United Church Montreal Presbytery

HYMN: "Faith of Our Fathers".

THE SPEAKER OF THE EVENING: Very Rev. T. W. Jones, M.A., D.D.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE BENEDICTION

ADJOURNMENT to the Church Hall for a "Fellowship Collation" served by the
Officials of the Church.

The Organ Postlude: "Allegro Con Motto" *E. Sheppard*

THE "FELLOWSHIP COLLATION" is an integral part of the program this evening
and not something simply "tacked on". We therefore urge every person
present to adjourn with us to the Church Hall, where we may get to know
each other better through the informality that prevails when we eat
together. The refreshments are very simple and light, but the comradeship
we there shall find will be lasting and inspiring. Please join us! "Make
yersels ta home".

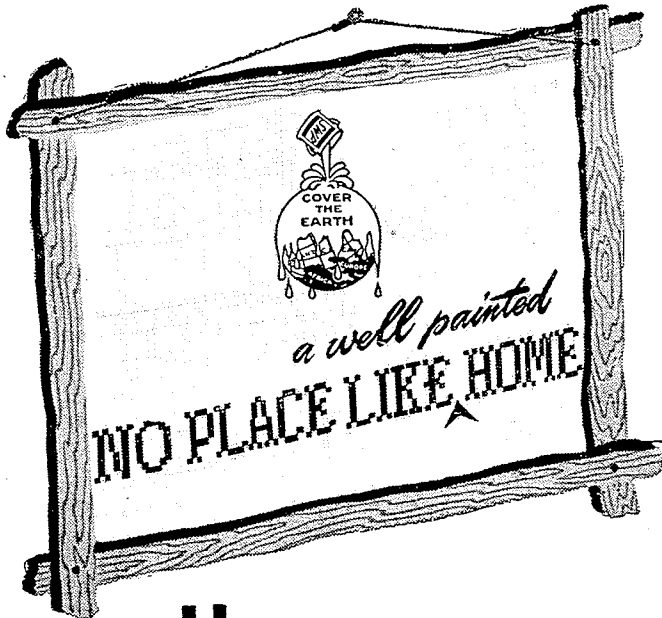
MISSIONARY NIGHT

Tuesday, March 15, 1949, 8 p.m.

In charge of the missionary societies

IN THE CHURCH

- QUIET ORGAN MUSIC *Mr. T. Hudson*
- CALL TO WORSHIP — Poetry *Mrs. P. Christensen*
- HYMN No. 510 — "From ocean unto ocean"
- PRAYER — *Mrs. P. Christensen*
- SCRIPTURE — Luke 18:15-17; Luke 10:25-37; Matt. 28:19-20; *Mrs. J. Brentenall*
- BABY BAND — Hymn sung by tots holding foreign dolls.
- EXERCISE AND SONG by our Mission Band — Ages 6 to 8 incl.
- HYMN No. 604 — "Jesus loves the little children"
- GREETINGS FROM PRESBYTERIAL — President, *Mrs. Austin Porritt*
Mrs. W. J. Lengfield — President Chalmers W.M.S.
Mrs. J. Kinche — 2nd Vice-Pres. Presbyterian W.M.S.
- SOLO: "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings" *Liddle*
by Miss Muriko Uyeda.
- PANTOMIME — "O Zion Haste" — Soloist, Miss Barbara Tasker
Vivian Auld, Sheila Patterson, Patsy Wiltse, Betty Wiltse, Joyce Mills,
Wilma Farrar, Joan Ingham under the direction of Miss Ruth Hayden
and Mrs. Christensen
- ADDRESS — "The New Dawn" — Rev. Dr. R. G. Katsunoff
- EXPRESSION OF THANKS to Dr. Katsunoff *Mrs. J. Brentenall*
- INVITATION to refreshments in Church Hall
- SOLO by Dr. R. G. Katsunoff, accompanied by Mrs. Katsunoff
"Tenderly the Shepherd" (Ukrainian Hymn)
- HYMN No. 249 — "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun"
- BENEDICTION — Dr. J. G. Joyce.
- SERVING OF REFRESHMENTS in Church Hall by W.M.S. and Louise Young
Auxiliary.
- SEE THE EXHIBITS and National Costumes.
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| INDIA | — Mrs. G. T. Frew, a returned Missionary |
| JAPAN | — Mrs. V. Shimotakahara |
| CHINA | — Miss Norma Woo |
| AFRICA | — Mr. A. Wyburd, a former resident. |
| NEW CANADIANS | — Mrs. R. G. Katsunoff |
| BABY BAND | — Mrs. A. MacMillan, Superintendent |
| MISSION BAND | — Mrs. T. Mantle and Mrs. V. Shimotakahara,
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Wednesday, March 16, 1949.

5.00 P.M.

IN THE CHURCH

Informal Social Hour for the Renewing of Old Friendships and the Making of New.

(Your wraps may be left on the pews in the Sanctuary.

Elders will be on duty while we are downstairs for the Banquet)

5.30 P.M.

IN THE CHURCH HALL FOR THE BANQUET

Dinner Music supplied by gramophone records played through the Sound System.

Menu

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INDIVIDUAL CHICKEN PIE

Celery, Olives, Pickles

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Coffee

THE BANQUET COMMITTEE

Welcome to Guests: Mrs. A. Auld, Mrs. A. Lundy, W. D. Stacey and P. Bennett.

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THE BANQUET PROGRAM

Chairman: Our Minister, Dr. Joyce

Singing of "The Wesley Grace" — Tune the "Doxology"

Be present at our table, Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored,
These mercies bless and grant that we
May feast in Paradise with Thee.

EATING OF THE MEAL: During the first sitting, scenic movies will be shown in the Church to those waiting to be served at the second sitting.

Quiet Record Music through the Sound System during the meal.

PROGRAM IN CHURCH AUDITORIUM

ORGAN SELECTIONS

HYMN No. 376 — "Blest be the tie that binds"

OCTETTE of Montreal Men's Choir,

A. J. Ellison, A. Lawrence, C. L. Giasson, J. H. Butler, J. Habkirk,
H. Hassan, H. Patton and W. L. Kemp.

CUTTING OF THE CAKE by Mrs. Clement King, and Singing of "Happy Birthday to Us"!

Mrs. King is the oldest member of the Church, as her membership extends back to the Sunday School sessions, which preceded the organization of the Church.

RECOGNITION of our Church Officials, Present and Past, our oldest members and those who have travelled farthest to be present.

GREETINGS from our Former Pastors :

Dr. A. J. Martin, who served as a probationer.
Rev. F. B. Allnut.
Rev. Fred Williams.

Second Group of Octette selections by
The Montreal Men's Choir.

ORGAN SELECTIONS by Mr. John Robb, B.Mus., organist Dominion-Douglas Church.

THE SPEAKER OF THE EVENING :

The Rev. Roland Bodger, Rector of St. Cuthbert's Church.

Singing of the 4th and last stanza of "Blest be the tie that binds"

The Benediction

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YOUTH NIGHT

Thursday, March 17, 1949, 8 p.m.

IN THE CHURCH HALL

JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE CHOIRS :

- (a) Hedge Roses
- (b) Mighty lac' a Rose
- (c) Dear, Dear, What can the matter be
- (d) You hear the lambs acrying — Negro Spiritual.
- (e) Cherry Ripe.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP :

Music Depreciation Hour or
A Tour through Tin Pan Alley with "Spike" Jones.

JUNIOR YOUNG PEOPLE :

A Fashion Show.

LADIES QUINTET :

Joan Ingham, Vivian Auld, Edna Long, Dorothy Sutherland, Norma Long.
(a) Bless This House
(b) Prayer Perfect
(c) By The Waters of Minnetonka
(d) A Madrigal of Spring.

LIFE BOYS :

Boxing — 3 bouts of 3 one minute rounds

- (a) FLYWEIGHT CLASS — Donald Coutts vs Fred Morris
- (b) LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS — Pat. White vs Eric Champion
- (c) HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS — J. Bourgeois vs J. Scott

REFEREE — Leader — George Baggs
TIMEKEEPER — Keith McGruer
JUDGES — Leader — E. Patterson
— Leader — E. McIntosh

SOLO : Gloria Charlton

- (a) Mother Macree
- (b) Smiling Through.

BOYS BRIGADE :

An evening scene at the Brownsburg Camp.

SOLO : Harold Morrow.

- (a) The Desert Song
- (b) Bluebird of Happiness.

PERCUSSION BAND :

Gavotte in D — Gossee
Jingle Bells
Mazurka from "Copelia" — Delibes
Suite for Percussion Band — Healy Willan
Parade of the Wooden Soldiers
Nocturne from Mid Summer Nights Dream
Glow Worm
Pop goes the weasel.

CANADIAN GIRLS IN TRAINING AND THE EXPLORERS :

An Exhibition of their Handicraft in the Church Parlour.

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A Word from Our Minister

Fifty years is a short period in the history of the Christian Church, but the last fifty years represents for the City of Verdun it's period of greatest expansion and a corresponding extension of the Church of God. In the story recorded by Verdun United Church there are two generations involved, and they both have manifested an intense love for the Church, and a readiness to toil and give in order that the Church might nurture adequately the spiritual life of the people.

With the second generation, the 50th Anniversary of Verdun United Church, being observed this week, there is a demonstration of loyalty to the Church and fondness for it's history, which clearly reveal the vitality of the spiritual fervour and zeal passed on from the preceding generation.

The Special Anniversary has entailed much hard work on the part of those appointed on committees by the Official Board, to collect the advertisements for the booklet, prepare the historical review, and to serve in other capacities in order to carry the program through to a successful completion. The Minister expresses his gratification to all for the services, willingly and excellently rendered, and for the time and effort everyone has brought to bear upon all the details that were required to be successfully executed so as to make the 50th Anniversary an eventful occasion in the history of Verdun United Church.

COMPLIMENTS

of

ARCHIE WILCOX

THE "GAY NINETIES" REVUE

Programme prepared by

THE WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Friday, March 13, 1949, 8 p.m.

SONG: "Long, Long ago" — Mrs. Vera Beckett.

Ladies appearing attired in costumes of the "Gay Nineties".

CHORUS: "The Band Played On", sung by members and audience.

CHORUS: "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree", by members.

SOLO: "Put on your old gray Bonnet", Mrs. William Neal with all joining in the chorus.

BICYCLE-BUILT-FOR-TWO: "Daisy, daisy, give me your answer do",
Mr. and Mrs. J. Brentenall walk on stage with Tandem.

SKETCH: "Faint-heart ne'er won fair lady"

Mrs. Araminta Slushington — Mrs. Swetland

Nellie Slushington — Mrs. Newell

Elmer Quakenbush — Mr. A. Lough

BARBER'S SHOP QUARTETTE — Sydney Long, T. Hudson, H. Morrow,
W. Hughes.

CHORUS: "Beautiful Dreamer"

CHORUS: "After the Ball" — "Annie Laurie"

Mrs. Morris sings the verses and all join in the chorus.

SONG: "Loves old sweet song"

READING: Old time recitation — Mrs. Gill.

INTERVAL

EASTER PARADE:

PIANOFORTE SELECTION: Mr. T. Hudson

SOLO: Mrs. Vera Beckett

READING: "Hats" — Mrs. Joyce.

MINUET: Directed by Mrs. C. Lawton.

Mrs. W. Nickle

W. S. Nickle

Mrs. H. Mercer

H. Mercer

Mrs. F. Newell

F. Major

Mrs. G. Lundy

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SONG: John Grant

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THE ANNIVERSARY SERMON

Sunday Morning, March 20, 1949, 11 a.m.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE — "Fuga" *Bach*
 THE PROCESSIONAL, No. 46, "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"
 THE CALL TO WORSHIP — after which the people are seated.
 THE INVOCATION, by the Minister — The Lord's Prayer, repeated by the congregation.
 THE HYMN — No. 37, "Thou glorious God, before whose face"
 Choir sings "Prince of Peace" *Aletta*
 THE PASTORAL PRAYER :
 SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM : "The Heavens are Telling" *Haydn*
 RESPONSIVE READING "Church Anniversary" as printed in Order of Service.
 THE "GLORIA PATRI" sung by Everyone.
 THE JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM : "Prayer of Thanksgiving". (arr. by E. Kremser)
 under direction of Sydney Long and Thomas Hudson.
 THE SECOND READING FROM SCRIPTURE :
 THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS :
 THE HYMN No. 399, "Faith of our fathers ! living still"
 THE 50th ANNIVERSARY SERMON : Rev. E. Davis.
 THE HYMN No. 402, "Lead on, O King Eternal!"
 THE BENEDICTION — by the Minister
 SILENT MEDITATION: (People Seated) The Organist plays stanza of 399 again.
 THE ORGAN POSTLUDE — "Gavotte" *Bach*

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

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Saturday, March 19, 1949, 2.30 to 5 p.m.

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THE PRELUDE

THE CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION of the Choir.

Hymn, "Now on land and sea descending"

THE INVOCATION, by the Minister, followed by "The Lord's Prayer"

sung by Mr. John Grant to Malotte's Music.

ANTHEM — "Hear My Prayer" *Mendelssohn*

Solo by Miss Gloria Charlton.

SCRIPTURE : St. Matthew 16:13-20.

VIOLIN TRIO — (a) "Sonata" *Tartini*

(b) "Allegretto" from Trio in G. — K. P. E. *Bach*

Mrs. Ruth G. Archer, David Archer, William Marlin;

Piano, Thomas Hudson.

HYMN — Coloured hymn-slide

OFFERTORY Violin Trio "Au bord d'un Ruisseau" *Rene de Boisdeffre*

DUET — "Though your sins be as scarlet"

PANTOMIME "O Zion Haste"

SOLO — "Holy City" — Harold Morrow.

OFFICIAL CLOSING OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" by Everyone.

THE BENEDICTION to the Week of Anniversary, given by the Minister.

THE GRAND "AMEN" TO THE WHOLE WEEK, The People Standing, The
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THE ORGAN POSTLUDE — "March" *R. Krentzlin*

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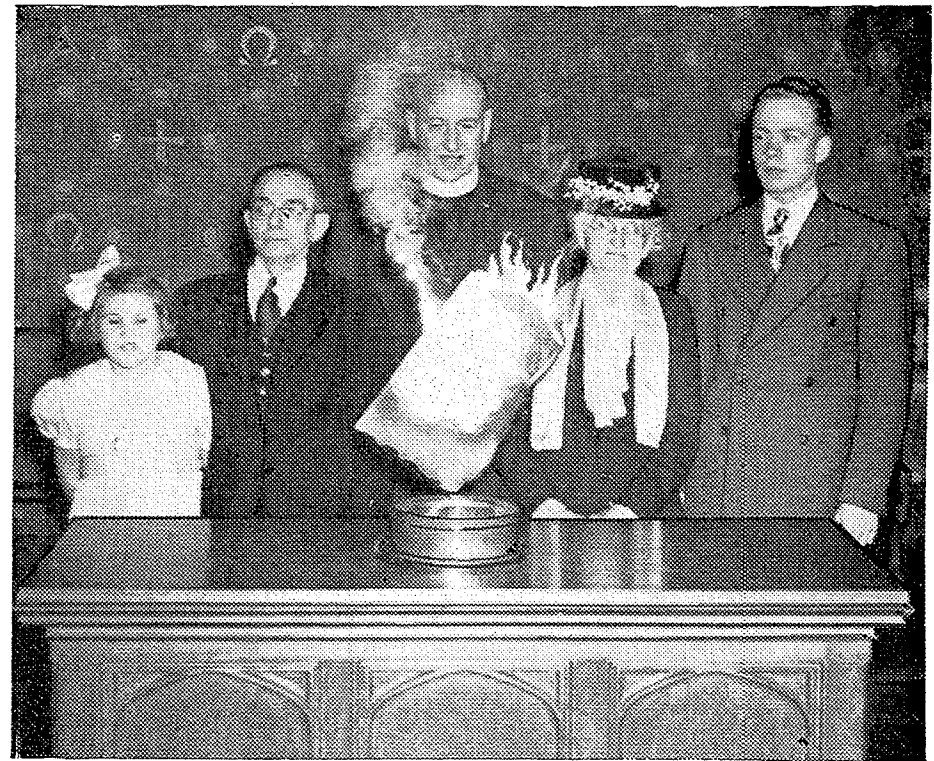
BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE

When Verdun United Church was dedicated on March 15, 1931, it had cost \$80,000. In the fall of 1933 there was a debt of \$1,800.00 on the organ, and \$2,965.00 on the pews in addition to the mortgage of \$23,500 on the church edifice.

According to the terms of the mortgage the amount of \$500.00 was to be paid every six months, but the Depression was beginning to usher in its disastrous economic effects. To keep the mortgage from being foreclosed, the Finance and Extension Board of the Presbytery had to come to the assistance of the congregation by paying interest charges for 1933 and part during 1934 and 1935. From 1932 to 1939 there was no payment made on reduction of mortgage as the congregation's energies were devoted to meeting the interest charge of nearly \$1500.00 a year and to the liquidating of the debt on the organ and the pews on which a higher interest was charged.

During the years 1931 to 1947, the Church paid \$18,067.22 in interest on the mortgage of \$25,000.00. From 1932 to 1941 the mortgage was reduced by \$3,000.00 and in 1942 by \$2,400.00. In 1943 a special mortgage campaign, sponsored by the Ladies Aid (now "W.A.") with the co-operation of Officials, was authorized by the congregation to eliminate the remaining indebtedness within the following three years.

The effort was most successful and on March 27, 1947, at a special service held for the occasion, the large audience assembled in the Church sounded forth their jubilation to the noble strains of the doxology as the mortgage papers sent upward their tongues of fire in unison with the people's paean of praise that echoed throughout the building in thankfulness to God for the great achievement.



BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE ON MARCH 27, 1947

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VERDUN UNITED CHURCH IN 1949

As there are several members active in the Church today, who, as small children, attended the first sessions of the Sunday School, which led to the organization of the church fifty years ago, so there may be, and we pray are, children of the Church participating in today's celebration who, fifty years hence, will be active in the Church, probably organizing the Church's Centennial, and to aid them with historical material, we are stating a few facts regarding the organizations of Verdun United Church in 1949.

The congregation consists of more than 800 families. The increase of population is due to the influx of people during the war years, and since, to the new part of the city, is shown by the record number of 100 baptisms in 1948 and 56 marriages, second only to the record of sixty during the war years. The membership of the Church is recorded as 1155.

There are thirty elders elected to look after the spiritual nurture of such a large number; one minister to attend to all the pastoral and hospital calls as well as all the organizational obligations. Since last Fall the Church supplied him with a secretary for the mornings.

The Sunday School enrollment is 612. It has a Cradle Roll of 217, a Nursery Department that meets on Sunday Mornings, as do the Beginners and Primary Departments. The Junior and Intermediate Departments meet at 10.45 a.m., having changed last Fall from Sunday afternoon to the morning to hold their sessions.

The Sunday School is well equipped for visual aid. The 16 mm talkie projector purchased by the school in 1947 through the efforts of the few men active in the School, and its use on Saturday afternoons and evenings has assisted the school in providing the best type of screen, a reflectoscope purchased in the Fall of 1948 and a large collection of beautifully coloured hymn slides. A sad commentary is the shortage of men as teachers, in fact, adults, most of the teachers in the school being of adolescent age, which is surely, a testimony to the religious influences of their home and Church.

The girls of the Sunday School constitute the Junior Choir of twenty-two voices and a Percussion Band of thirty instruments. Eleven older girls compose the Intermediate Choir.

For at least twenty years the C.G.I.T. has been the organization for the Church in which many of the girls have found their through-the-week religious activities. There are four groups with a membership of thirty-five. The Explorers were organized two years ago and consist of two groups with twenty on the roll.

Boys activities centred around the programme of the Boys Brigade and Life Boys. At the beginning of the Second World War the Brigade experienced its highest accomplishments. The War, through the enlisting of a number of the members of the Band, meant the breaking up of the Band of about thirty instruments. The Brigade through its summer camp activities, badge work and Sunday School and other activities were significant factors in the formation of character. In 1949 the enrollment is not half of what it was a few years ago, the lag, apparently, is inexplicable, as it seems to apply to all other boys organizations. The Life Boys have flourished through the years and today is the largest of the through-the-week groups.

The Woman's Association is more vital and industrious than ever. It was indispensable to the Church in reducing the debt on the Church edifice, and, no doubt, will be in raising funds necessary to build a manse. The W.M.S. consists of a small number of faithful members, but the "Louise Young", an auxiliary consisting of mostly young married women is most vigorous and has a membership that fills the Church Parlour. The Mission Band meets weekly, and the Baby Band by special invitation. The W.M.S. organization raised \$530. the "M & M" \$976. in 1948.

The value of the Church building is set at about its cost of \$82,500. with insurance carried amounting to \$75,000. Raised in 1948 by Sunday School \$1,460; through-the-week organizations \$445; Woman's Association \$1,803; by the Church for all purposes \$17,028. An oil burner was installed in the furnace to replace the coal burning system. At the Annual Congregational Meeting in January, a committee was appointed and empowered to proceed with a financial campaign, to prepare plans and ascertain costs, in order for the Church to have a manse as a residence for its minister.

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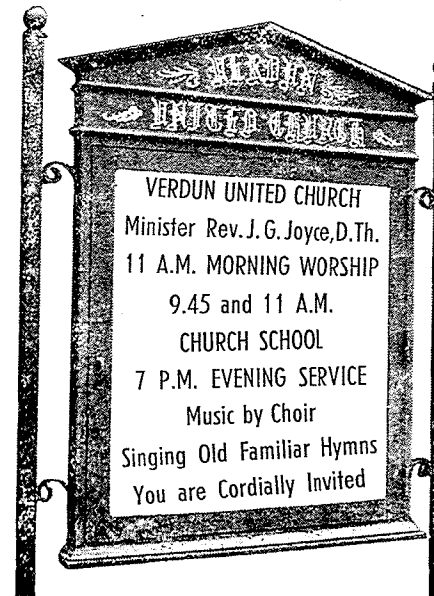
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“It was moved by Mr. Nickle, and seconded by Mr. Bennett that a committee be appointed to work out details for a drive for raising funds to be placed at the disposal of the Trustees for a Manse.”

“The names of the Committee appointed by the congregation were as follows:

“W. Schofield (Chairman) — W. Bartlett
Mrs. L. Auld — W. S. Nickle — H. M. Way
Robt. King — Fred Major”

“It was, later moved, that the Committee be also authorized to prepare plans, ascertain cost, and procedure to be followed and to submit the same to the Board of Trustees and that the Trustees refer these matters to the Congregation at a meeting specially called, if necessary.”

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